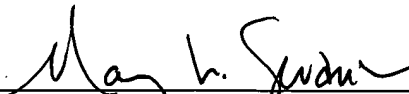





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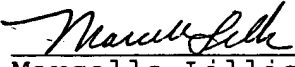
Sir:

If a paper is untimely filed in the subject application by applicant or his representative and such paper is not accompanied by an effective petition for extension of time, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the minimum extension of time required to make said

paper timely. In the event a petition for extension of time is made under the provisions of this paragraph the Assistant Commissioner is hereby requested to charge any fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)-(d) to Deposit Account No. 03-1664.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 03-1664.

Respectfully submitted,

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